



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MINUTES

Hilton Hotel North@ Greenspoint
Houston, Texas

May15-17, 2009

Call to Order The President, Barbara D. May, called the 80th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:30 P. M. on May 15, 2009 and welcomed those in attendance.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Opening Ceremonies Members of Spring Branch ISD Navy Junior ROTC posted the Colors. Joan Franson, Container Gardening Chairman and Bylaws Revision Committee member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

An Inspirational Reading was given by Diane Hughes, Press Book and Publicity Awards Chairman.

The Honorable Peter Brown, Houston City Councilman brought greetings.

Linda Whetsell, South Central Region Director, gave the welcome on behalf of the South Central Region.

Judy Keillor, President of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomed all to the host state.

Sara Lanier, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. gave the response.

Preliminary Credentials Report Phyllis Steele, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the following preliminary credentials report as of 8:00 A.M. May 15, 2009 and moved its adoption:

NGC President	1
NGC Honorary President	0
NGC Elected Officers	7
NGC Appointed Officers	4
Regional Directors	8
Advisory Committee	2
PH&E Trustees	5
State Presidents	39
Representatives of State Pres	3
NGC Chairmen	138
NGC Comm Members	69
Delegates	99
Subtotal	375
Less Duplications	59
Total Voting Strength	316

ADOPTED

Quorum The Chair declared a quorum present.

Standing Rules Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, presented the Standing Rules of the 2009 Convention for adoption.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE



Adoption of Program Sue Durrett, Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the printed program as corrected. Copy on file.

ADOPTED AS CORRECTED

Preliminary Registration Report Linda Whetsell, Chairman of the 2008 Convention Registration Committee, presented the preliminary registration report as of 8:00 A. M. May 15, 2009.

Voting Strength 316
Non-voting Members 322
Spouses 66
Guests and Visitors 27
Total Registration 731

Committee to Approve Minutes The Chair appointed the following to approve the minutes of the 2009 Annual Convention:

Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President, Chairman
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President

Timekeepers The Chair appointed the following to serve as Timekeepers:

Joy Ericson, Strategic Planning Committee Member
Wendy Coté, Butterfly Chairman, Natural Disasters USA Committee Member

Pages Pages appointed by the Convention Committee were recognized. Their names were printed in the printed Convention Program.

Welcome The President recognized former NGC Presidents: Lois Dupré Shuster (2001-2003), and Kitty Larkin, Immediate Past President (2005-2007).

The President recognized Regional Directors 2007-2009: Sonia S. Cianchette, New England; Marilyn Whitmore, Central Atlantic; Anne Brown, South Atlantic; Mary W. Summerville, Deep South; Karen Hix, Central, Linda K. Whetsell, South Central; Louise Greenberg, Rocky Mountain; and Jeannette B. Pruin, Pacific.

The Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees were recognized: Pat Westgard, Joan Wipperman and Gerry St. Peters who serve with Lois Shuster, June P. Wood and Director, Kitty Larkin.

Report of Committee to Approve Minutes Shirley Nicolai, Chairman of the Committee appointed to approve the minutes of the 2008 Annual Convention in Memphis, TN reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

Presentation John Carloftis, garden designer gave a brief presentation about the "Plant it Pink" project and left the meeting.

Reports of Officers The following officers reported and copies of written reports are on file:

Barbara D. May, President
Renee Blaschke, First Vice President and Liaison to State Garden Clubs Presidents and Regional Directors and Membership Chairman
Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President and Finance Committee Chairman
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President and Organization Study Chairman and Award of Excellence Chairman
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President and Scholarship Chairman and Plant it Pink Project Chairman
Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary
Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer
Colleen Weiler, Historian

Joan H. Corbisiero, Parliamentarian
 Kitty Larkin, Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees Director

Reports of Regional Directors

The following Regional Directors reported and copies of written reports are on file:
 Sonia S. Cianchette, New England
 Marilyn Whitmore, Central Atlantic
 Anne Brown, South Atlantic
 Mary Summerville, Deep South
 Karen Hix, Central
 Linda K. Whetsell, South Central
 Louise Greenberg, Rocky Mountain
 Jeanette B. Pruin, Pacific

Memorial Service

Angela Raitano, NGC Chaplin, conducted a Memorial Service.

Adjourn

The opening business session adjourned at 4:13 P. M. on May 15, 2009 to reconvene May 16, 2009 at 8:30 A. M.

Call to Order

The President, Barbara D. May, called the 80th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order May 16, 2009 at 8:40 A. M.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Presentation

Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of Auntie Litter, Inc., gave a brief presentation and left the meeting.

Inspirational Reading

An inspirational reading was given by Della Berry, Memorial Gardens Chairman.

Interim Credentials Report

Phyllis Steele, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the following interim credentials report as of 8:00 A.M. May 16, 2009 and moved its adoption:

NGC President	1
NGC Honorary President	0
NGC Elected Officers	7
NGC Appointed Officers	4
Regional Directors	8
Advisory Committee	2
PH&E Trustees	5
State Presidents	46
Representatives of State Pres	5
NGC Chairmen	149
NGC Comm Members	84
Delegates	132
Subtotal	443
Less Duplications	63
Total Voting Strength	380

ADOPTED

Interim Registration Report

Linda Whetsell, Chairman of the 2009 Convention Registration Committee, presented the preliminary registration report as of 8:00 A. M. May 16, 2009.

Voting Strength	380
Non-voting Members	267
Spouses	66
Guests and Visitors	33
Total Registration	746

Report of Nominating Committee	<p>Barbara Baker, Recording Secretary, read the NGC bylaws pertinent to the election of officers.</p> <p>Judy Davis, Chairman of the 2007-2009 Nominating Committee introduced the Nominating Committee and submitted the slate of officers as nominated by the committee:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Shirley S. Nicolai, First Vice President Linda Nelson, Second Vice President Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice President Nancy L. Hargroves, Fourth Vice President Robin L. Pokorski, Recording Secretary Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer</p>						
Election of Officers	<p>As there were no nominations from the floor, the election was held by voice vote and all of the above nominees were elected.</p> <p>Renee D. Blaschke, President-Elect, will serve as President.</p>						
Report of the Board of Directors	<p>Barbara Baker, Recording Secretary, reported that the Board of Directors had met two times since the 2008 Annual Convention in Memphis, once at the 2008 Fall Board Meeting in Providence, RI and then on May 15, 2009 prior to the 2009 Convention in Houston. Informational sheets reflecting action taken were given to the Board Members and Delegates.</p>						
Adoption of Budgets	<p>Shirley Nicolai, Finance Chairman and Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer, presented the 2009-2010 Annual Budgets of the General Fund, Scholarship Fund and Operation Wildflower Fund as approved by the Board of Directors. Report on file.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED</p> <p>The 2009-2010 Permanent Home & Endowment budget was ratified by the Board of Directors, May 15, 2009.</p>						
Adoption of Bylaws Revision	<p>Joan Franson, Bylaw Revision Committee member, presented the Bylaws Revision.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE</p>						
Presidential Citations	<p>Presidential Citations were presented to the following Bylaws Revision Committee members in recognition of their work on the Revision of the Bylaws:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Phyllis Wood, Chairman of Bylaws Review and Revision Committees Mae W. Scott, Bylaws Revision Committee Vice Chairman Joan Franson Joan G. Bonine Barbara M. Campbell Joan H. Corbisiero, Parliamentarian</p> <p>Presidential Citations were also presented to the following in recognition of their outstanding efforts on behalf of NGC projects and protocol:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Arthur Loesch, Reforestation and Restoration Chairman for his work on Penny Pines Project Pat Grulke, Protocol Chairman Jo Ann Guise, Protocol Vice Chairman Nancy Donaldson, Protocol Vice Chairman</p>						
Reports of State Presidents	<p>The following Regional Directors presided over the reports of their Regions' State Presidents or representatives. (* incoming president) Reports on file:</p> <p><u>South Central Region</u>, Linda Whetsell, Director</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Nancy Voyles</td> <td>Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colleen Hinker</td> <td>New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judy Grotts</td> <td>Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.</td> </tr> </table>	Nancy Voyles	Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.	Colleen Hinker	New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.	Judy Grotts	Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.
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Judy Keillor Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

South Atlantic Region, Anne Brown, Director

Martha A. Mengel The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Lila Petersen The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Betsy Steele * The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Anna J. Meyers Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Jerry L. Shriver West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

Recess The meeting recessed for luncheon at 10:25 A. M. to reconvene May 16, 2009 at 2:30 P.M.

Reconvene The meeting reconvened May 16, 2009 at 2:35 P. M.

Reports of State Presidents The following Regional Directors presided over the reports of their Regions' State Presidents or representatives. (* incoming President) Reports on file:

Deep South Region, Mary Summerville, Director

Margaret Reynolds The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
Cinny O'Donnell Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Sara Lanier The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Donna Bucci * Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Ann Turnbow The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
Alice Overton * Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Central Region, Karen Hix, Director

Jody Bailey The Garden Club of Illinois, Inc.
Ellen Elliott The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Jacqueline Strother Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc.
Lynn Dinvald * Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Barbara Issacson Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.
Maisie Keeser The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.
Lucille M. Valitchka Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Central Atlantic Region, Marilyn Whitmore, Director

Wanda S. Davis Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Bonnie Stevens Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
Rilla Crane National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
Onnalee A. Allier The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
Jeanne-Beryl Metz Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Victoria Bergesen The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Dorothy Yard The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Recess The meeting recessed for the evening at 3:50 P. M. to reconvene May 17, 2009 at 9:00 A. M.

Call to Order The President, Barbara D. May, called the 80th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 9:00 A. M. on May 17, 2009.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Inspirational Reading An Inspirational Reading was given by Deana Roberts, Tour Chairman.

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New England Region, Sonia Cianchette, Director

Maria Nahom	The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut
Shirlene Gosline	The Garden Club Federation of Maine
Celeste Wilson	The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts
Joyce A. Kimball	New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Lynne Merrill	Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs
Susan Robinson	Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont

Pacific Region, Jeannete Pruin, Director

Carol Norquist	Alaska Garden Clubs
Fran Harkey	Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs
Robin Pokorski	California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Ann Swider	Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs
Dotty Hurd	Idaho Garden Clubs
Kristie Livreri	Nevada Garden Clubs
Sherry Cossey	Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs
Marva Lee Peterschick	Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

Rocky Mountain Region, Louise Greenberg, Director

Marjorie Koerner	Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Caroline Wittman	Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Darlene Skari	Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Delroy Hemsath *	Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska
Terry Kroke	North Dakota State Federation of Garden Clubs
Margaret Straley	South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
June Openshaw	Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Barbara Yates	Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Chairmen Reports

The following Chairmen reported. Reports on file
 Martha Morgan, Green the Gulf Coast Chairman
 Sara Brooks, Garden Therapy Vice Chairman
 Patrice Lineberger, Girls Scout Liaison
 Jimmie Meihardt, Blue Star Memorial Chairman
 Pat Cargnoni, Habitat for Humanity Chairman
 Candace Morgenstern, Natural Disasters USA Vice Chairman
 Deen Day Sanders, WAFA Liaison, submitted a written report
 Maureen Colton, Strategic Planning Committee Chairman, submitted a written report.

Future Conventions

Joan Hood, Convention Coordinator and Diane Bullock, Vice Coordinator announced the following schedule for future conventions:
 2011 Washington DC, May 24-30, JW Marriot Hotel
 2012 Buffalo, NY, Adam's Mark
 2013 Seattle, WA
 2014 tba

Invitation to 2010 Convention

Deanna McFarland, 2010 Convention Chairman, issued the invitation to Atlanta at the Omni CNN Hotel, May 14-16.

Final Credentials Report

Phyllis Steele, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the following final credentials report as of 8:00 A. M. May 17, 2009 and moved its adoption:

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ADOPTED

Linda Whetsell, Chairman of the 2009 Convention Registration Committee, presented the final registration report as of 8:00 A.M., May 17, 2009.

Voting Strength	385
Non-voting Members	274
Spouses	66
Guests and Visitors	39
Total Registration	764

- Benediction** The benediction was given by David Pritchard, Publications, Brochure/Manual Review Chairman
- Adjourn** The Business Meeting adjourned at 11:10 A. M. to reconvene at the evening Installation Banquet.
- Call to Order** The President, Barbara D. May, called the Business Meeting to order at 9:00 P.M. on May 17, 2009.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

- Courtesy Resolution** Pam Hebert, Resolutions Chairman, gave the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption. Resolution on file.

ADOPTED

- Benediction** Colleen Weiler, Historian, gave the benediction.
- Adjourn Sine Die** Barbara D. May, President, adjourned the 80th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. at 9:15 P. M. on May 17, 2009. Sine Die.

Barbara Baker
Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary

Barbara D. May
Barbara D. May, President

Shirley Nicolai July 12, 2009 (date)
Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President

Linda Nelson July 12, 2009 (date)

Linda Nelson, Third Vice President

Sandra Robinson July 12, 2009 (date)
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President